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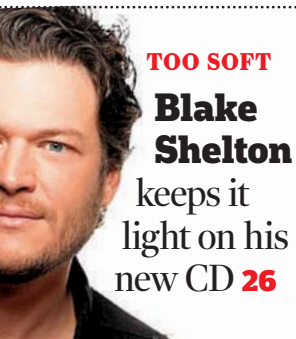


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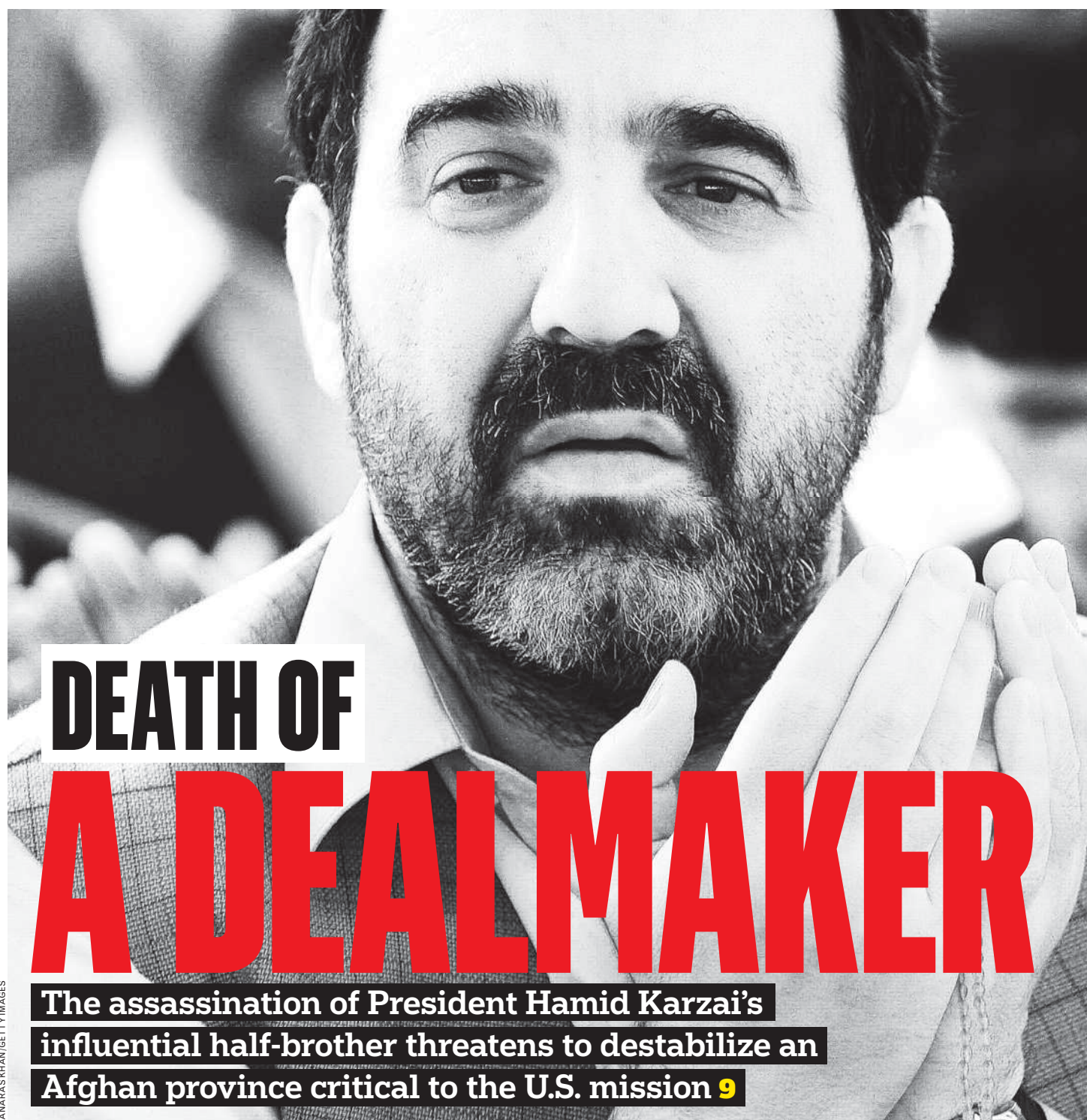
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The Bear Had Long Dreamed Learning to Ride a Bicycle

anama City, Fla., man is recovering after colliding with a black bear while riding his bike to work. John Hearn said he saw something out of the corner of his eye early Thursday morning. The nearly 300-pound bear charged, smacked him off his bicycle and then fled into the nearby woods. Passing motorists stopped to help Hearn, who sustained minor injuries. (AP)

That must have been the good sandwich. I bet when [he] ate it, he never dreamed it would be the catalyst to jail."

IEF DEPUTY RANDY CHRISTIAN, ON A SANDWICH THAT HE ATE AN ALABAMA BROTHER AND SISTER IN JAIL. A VIOLENT FIGHT ENSUED WHEN HE ATE HER LEFTOVER SANDWICH, THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS REPORTED. (EXPRESS)

EASE THE BEES!

and Winnie the Pooh Helped

cleanup crews in Idaho have finished clearing honey from an estimated 14 million bees that got loose after a semi-truck overturned on a highway. Observers told the Post-Register about seeing a strange black cloud and a roaring noise above the spill area before realizing it was a massive swarm of bees. Crews worked all day long to remove honey from the roadway, though authorities say bees were still buzzing. (AP)

The Big Picture



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ABRACORNDABRA! An aerial view of the Maize Maze in the shape of Harry Potter is shown on Monday in York, England. Farmer Tom Pearcy cut two portraits of the boy wizard in his crop of maize plants. With some subtle dissimilarities, the two images create the world's largest spot-the-difference competition. (GETTY)

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In Brief

STIN, TEXAS

p. Ron Paul to Retire
from Congress in 2012

Ron Paul, R-Texas, said Tuesday he will concentrate on running for president and will not seek reelection to Congress, ending a 24-year career as one of the more colorful members of the House of Representatives.

Paul said he will serve out his term through December 2012. (AP)

LANDO, FLA.

Casey Anthony's Mother
Faces No Perjury Charge

A spokeswoman for a prosecutor's office said Tuesday that Casey Anthony's mother, Cindy Anthony, will not face perjury charges for initially telling police she did not search for chloroform in the family computer, but at the trial said she did. (AP)

M DESERT, CALIF.

Betty Ford Remembered

First lady Michelle Obama, accompanied by former first ladies Rosalynn Carter and Hillary Rodham Clinton, strode quietly into a Palm Desert church Tuesday for a memorial service honoring former first lady Betty Ford, who died at the age of 93 on Friday. (AP)

GOP Offers Obama Debt Power

McConnell proposes plan with no end to stalemate in sight

Washington

With compromise talks at a vituperative standstill, Senate Republicans unexpectedly offered Tuesday to hand President Obama new powers to avert a first-ever government default threatened for Aug. 2.

Under a proposal outlined by Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Obama could request increases of up to \$2.5 trillion in the government's borrowing authority in three separate installments over the next year, as long as he simultaneously proposed spending cuts of greater size.

The debt limit increases would take effect unless blocked by Congress under special rules that would require speedy action — and even then Obama could exercise his authority to veto such legislation. Significantly, the president's spending cuts would be debated under normal procedures, with no guarantee they ever come to



Sen. Mitch McConnell's plan would allow President Obama to raise the debt limit.

Murky Waters

It was unclear whether Sen. Mitch McConnell's proposal could show the White House and congressional leaders of both parties a way out of a deadlock that President Obama and others said threatened calamitous results for an economy still struggling to recover from the worst recession in decades. (AP)

a final vote. In essence, McConnell's proposal would greatly enhance Obama's authority to avoid a default, while also virtually absolving Republicans of responsibility if one occurred. It would also obligate Obama to outline deep spending cuts, something Republicans have been trying to force him to do for months without much success.

At the same time, it would allow

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The borrowing limit the U.S. government reached several weeks ago. Treasury officials have been relying on accounting maneuvers to continue to pay the nation's bill without additional borrowing. (AP)

Republican lawmakers to avoid having to support an increase in the debt limit, something many of them find odious.

"Republicans will choose a path that actually reflects the will of the people, which is to do the responsible thing and ensure the government doesn't default on its obligations," McConnell said in a speech on the Senate floor. He also excoriated the administration for seeking tax increases along with spending cuts as part of an agreement to raise the debt limit.

There was no immediate response to the GOP proposal from the White House, where Obama hosted his third meeting in as many days with congressional leaders struggling to avert a financial crisis. DAVID ESPO (AP)



Let There Be Light: Republicans who take a dim view of new light bulb standards failed to repeal them in a debate that focused on whether the government is once again exerting too much control over people's lives. The House voted 233-193 to eliminate energy-efficiency standards that the old-fashioned incandescent light bulbs do not meet. The White House says the new energy-saving bulbs will save households billions of dollars in energy costs. (AP)

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Obesity's Blame Game

Medical article says parents of obese kids should lose custody

Chicago

Should parents of extremely obese children lose custody for not controlling their kids' weight? A provocative commentary in one of the nation's most distinguished medical journals argues yes, and its authors are joining a quiet chorus of advocates who say the government should be allowed to intervene in extreme cases.

It has happened a few times in the U.S., and the opinion piece in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association says putting children temporarily in foster care is in some cases more ethical than obesity surgery.

Dr. David Ludwig, an obesity specialist at Harvard-affiliated Children's Hospital Boston, said the point isn't to blame parents, but rather to act in children's best

State Intervention

Jerri Gray, a Greenville, S.C., single mother who lost custody of her 555-pound 14-year-old son

two years ago, said authorities don't understand the challenges families may face. Her sister has custody of the boy, now 16. The sister has the money to help him with a special diet and exercise, and he has lost more than 200 pounds. "Even though good has come out of this ... he told me just last week, 'Mommy, I want to be back with you so bad.' They've done damage by pulling us apart," Gray said. (AP)

..... interest and get them help.

State intervention "ideally will support not just the child but the whole family, with the goal of reuniting child and family as soon as possible. That may require instruction on parenting," said Ludwig, who wrote the article with Lindsey Murtagh, a lawyer and a researcher at Harvard's School of Public Health.

But University of Pennsylvania bioethicist Art Caplan said he worries that the debate risks putting too much blame on parents. Often, obese children are victims of advertising, marketing, peer pressure and bullying — things a parent can't control, he said.

Roughly 2 million U.S. children are extremely obese. Most are not in imminent danger, Ludwig said. But some have obesity-related conditions such as type 2 diabetes, breathing difficulties and liver problems that could kill them by age 30. It is these kids for whom state intervention — including education, parent training and temporary protective custody in the most extreme cases — should be considered, Ludwig said.

Dr. Lainie Ross, a medical ethicist at the University of Chicago, said: "There's a stigma with state intervention. We just have to do it with caution and humility, and make sure we really can say that our interventions are going to do more good than harm." LINDSEY TANNER (AP)

Top U.S. Honor for Wounded Army Ranger



PRESIDENT OBAMA SHAKES THE PROSTHETIC HAND of Army Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Arthur Petry, of Santa Fe, N.M., who received the Medal of Honor for his valor in Afghanistan at a ceremony at the White House Tuesday. Petry lost his hand when he tossed aside a live grenade during a 2008 firefight in Afghanistan, sparing the lives of his fellow Army Rangers.

Last Spacewalk For Astronauts

Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Astronauts making the last spacewalk of NASA's space shuttle era on Tuesday retrieved a broken pump from the International Space Station and installed a fill-up experiment for a robot.

In a departure from previous shuttle visits, the spacewalking job fell to space station astronauts, Michael Fossum and Ronald Garan Jr., who teamed up for three spacewalks in 2008. The four-person Atlantis crew is the smallest in decades, and so the lone spacewalk of the mission was handed over to the full-time station residents.

It was the 160th spacewalk in the 12½-year life of the orbiting outpost and the last one planned for Americans for nearly a year. (AP)



ARE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS ABOUT TO **KILL** **HEALTH REFORM?**

President Obama and Congressional leaders are proposing to slash **\$300 billion** from Medicare and Medicaid, cuts that will close hospitals and nursing homes and doom health reform before it has even begun.

This shortsighted proposal includes \$60 billion in cuts to teaching hospitals, crippling their ability to train our nation's doctors—right as the baby boom generation hits retirement age and an additional 32 million Americans will gain health coverage from the President's health reform. With a severe doctor shortage looming—and demand for their services growing—these cuts will mean long delays and less care for everyone, especially the elderly on Medicare.

And the \$100 billion in proposed cuts to Medicaid will decimate the very program health reform will need to cover millions of uninsured Americans.



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World

U.K. Tab Scandal Taints Cameron

T's ties to Murdoch
der scrutiny as
blic outcry builds

London

s looked defensive, he's looked
aged, he's looked scared. But
ently, Prime Minister David
Cameron has rarely looked like
in charge.

The British leader has lost his
fident aura as his friendships
n figures central to the hack-
scandal hand his government
biggest crisis yet. Questions are
unting about whether the scan-
will poison his premiership.
From the moment allegations
rged that the News of the World
hacked into the cell phone of
singing schoolgirl Milly Dowd,
Cameron, 44, has been on the
ensive. He has repeatedly been



Meanwhile ...

Prime Minister David Cameron's office on Tuesday said the British government would vote with the opposition Labour Party on Wednesday to support a motion calling on Rupert Murdoch and News Corp. to withdraw a \$12 billion bid for broadcaster BSkyB as a widening investigation of phone hacking and bribery at his newspapers fed the backlash against the media mogul. The decision followed an accusation by ex-prime minister Gordon Brown that Murdoch's U.K. papers employed criminals to obtain confidential information. (AP)

questioned about his ties to Andy Coulson, his former communications director and a one-time News of the World editor who was arrested last week in the scandal.

"It doesn't show [Cameron] in a positive light," said Victoria Honeyman, an expert on British politics at the University of Leeds. "It does make his judgment look

questionable."

His ties with a media elite implicated in the scandal have fueled public backlash, in particular his chumminess with Rebekah Brooks.

Brooks was editor at News of the World at the time Milly's phone was hacked and is now chief executive of News International, the U.K. newspaper division of Rupert

Murdoch's News Corp.

However, Britain's prime ministers for the past decade have made time for the 43-year-old media executive. Television stations have run footage of Tony Blair greeting her with a friendly wave. Gordon Brown went to her wedding.

Cameron has tried to distance himself from Brooks, though he has been unable to shake the association with Murdoch, whose papers backed him in the last election.

But analysts suggest Cameron can survive, and the breakneck pace of the unfolding drama could be his saving grace — each revelation puts the scandal one step further away and drags in other names.

And, strategist Howard Weldon suggests, the biggest danger for Cameron is that the hacking crisis distracts him from the state of Britain's faltering economy. (AP)

In Brief



Rescue personnel assist volcano evacuees in Tomohon, Indonesia.

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Villagers Flee Volcano

Nearly 1,000 residents have fled two villages near an Indonesian volcano that has a history of violent explosions, officials said Tuesday. Mount Lokon has been erupting daily since Sunday. (AP)

BRASILIA, BRAZIL

Brazil Plans to Give \$10B To Family Farm Program

Brazil will invest \$10 billion to help family farms, President Dilma Rousseff announced Tuesday. The investment will help farmers in Latin America's biggest country who work on land received from Brazil's agrarian reform program, indigenous communities and descendants of runaway slaves. (AP)

France: Envoys Say Gadhafi Is Ready To Leave

Paris

France's foreign minister said Tuesday that Paris has had contact with emissaries from Moammar Gadhafi who say the embattled Libyan strongman is "prepared to leave" power.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppé said while the contacts do not constitute negotiations, the "regime is sending its messengers all over. ... We have emissaries who are saying, Gadhafi is prepared to leave. Let's discuss it."

It was not clear whether such an offer is credible or amounts to a potential breakthrough in the Libyan crisis. But Gadhafi has refused to leave or give up power.

Washington, too, is getting mixed messages. "But the messages are contradictory," a State Department spokeswoman said. (AP)

Somali Refugees Seek Relief in Kenya



SOMALI WOMEN WAIT Tuesday for food at a refugee camp near Dadaab, Kenya. A U.N. report on Sunday declared drought-ridden Somalia to be the "worst humanitarian disaster" in the world, as millions there are in need of food and shelter.



Sock It to Them: A laundry standard is being tested in Tanzania as a cheap guard against malaria: smelly socks. The experiment in three villages uses dirty socks, which are laden with human odor, to lure disease-carrying mosquitoes into death traps. Researchers hope that if the strategy works, it will complement insecticide-treated bed nets as a low-tech way to prevent malaria, which kills nearly 900,000 people a year, most of them children. (AP)

Hearsay

"President Assad is not indispensable. ... He has lost legitimacy by refusing to lead the transition."

— JAY CARNEY, WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN, ON TUESDAY CRITICIZING SYRIA'S BASHAR ASSAD A DAY AFTER THE U.S. AND FRENCH EMBASSIES IN DAMASCUS WERE ATTACKED. THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ALSO CONDEMNED THE ATTACKS.

World



Protesters march Tuesday in Cairo's Tahrir Square with a large national flag.

Egyptian Military Warns Demonstrators in Cairo

Protesters in Cairo

Egypt's interim military rulers only warned protesters Tuesday against "harming public interest" as demonstrators continued their siege to Cairo's largest government building and threatened to expand their sit-in.

The military's statement, read on state television by Maj. Gen. Hossam el-Fangari, came ahead of a planned rally demanding a wider range of members of Hosni Mubarak's regime and trials for officials accused of killing protesters during Egypt's uprising.

In a nod to the demands of some of the protesters, the military announced what in effect is a delay in elections that have been widely expected to be held in September. It said preparations for the vote will begin Sept. 30.

The military also said it would draft a set of regulations for selecting the 100-member assembly that will write a new constitution.

Deputy Prime Minister Yahia

Meanwhile ...

An Egyptian court on Tuesday convicted three Hosni Mubarak-era officials of corruption. Ex-prime minister Ahmed Nazif was given a one-year suspended sentence. Mubarak's interior minister, Habib el-Adly, was given a five-year jail term. El-Adly already is serving a 12-year term for separate corruption charges. Former finance minister Youssef Boutros-Ghali was tried in absentia and given 10 years. (AP)

Gamal also resigned Tuesday, according to the Egyptian Cabinet's website. The move came as protesters made their way to central Cairo to demand interim Prime Minister Essam Sharaf's resignation.

Hundred of protesters have been camping out since Friday in Cairo's Tahrir Square, vowing not to leave till their demands are met. An estimated 30,000 people filled the square on Tuesday.

(AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

Assange Appeals Extradition

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange sought Tuesday to block his extradition from Britain to Sweden over sexual assault allegations as his defense argued that Swedish officials' case is flawed. The hearing was due to last until Wednesday, but the government is expected to be reserved, which means the hearing might not be made public for days or weeks. (AP)



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Cover Story

A Changed Man

Ahmed Wali Karzai, President Hamid Karzai's half-brother and the leader of Kandahar's provincial council, had started to evolve earlier this year from a self-interested strongman to a regional leader willing to take nascent steps to share power with political and tribal rivals. Earlier this summer, a delegation of 170 tribal elders and prominent Kandaharis traveled to Kabul to ask Hamid Karzai to appoint Ahmed Karzai as Kandahar's governor. U.S. and NATO officials believe it was an indication of how he managed to improve his relations with Kandahar's disparate and rival tribes, emerging as the most powerful man in the province. (TWP)



BANARAS KHAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Taliban's Fatal Blow

Killing of Karzai's half-brother puts strain on the U.S. Afghan mission

Kandahar, Afghanistan

The months before his death by assassin's bullets on Tuesday, Ahmed Wali Karzai had quietly built his relationship with the United States and emerged as the most influential ally for American commanders and diplomats seeking to quell the Taliban insurgency in southern Afghanistan.

U.S. officials were initially skeptical of Taliban claims of responsibility for the assassination but believe that the killer, a trusted Karzai security official, was a Taliban sleeper agent.

The killing of Karzai, President Hamid Karzai's half-brother and leader of Kandahar's provincial council, now poses a significant setback for the U.S. mission in Afghanistan. American officials had been hoping that their brochement with him, and his transformation — which included a

HIGH-PROFILE AFGHAN ASSASSINATIONS

OCTOBER 2010



MOHAMMED OMAR

A suicide bomber kills the governor of Kunduz province at a mosque in neighboring Takhar province.

JANUARY 2011



ABDUL LATIF ASHNA

Kandahar's deputy provincial governor is killed when a suicide bomber strikes his car as he is being driven to work.

APRIL 2011



KHAN MOHAMMAD MUJAHID

A suicide bomber wearing a police uniform kills the Kandahar police chief.

MAY 2011



MOHAMMED DAUD

Northern Afghanistan's most senior provincial police chief is killed by a militant at a NATO-Afghan compound. (AP)

willingness to embrace a new U.S.-backed village defense program and the reintegration of Taliban fighters — would help to cement recent improvements in security across Kandahar province.

"He had a very sophisticated and meaningful vision that pointed to what was needed politically

to capitalize on the military gains," said a civilian adviser to the U.S.-led NATO military command. The adviser and other sources for this report spoke on the condition of anonymity to comment candidly about sensitive issues.

In recent months, the adviser said, Karzai had taken his leader-

ship of the provincial council far more seriously, turning it into "a growing political center of gravity that was resolving disputes."

He traveled to insurgent strongholds with U.S. commanders to encourage residents to support a program that is a key element of the U.S. strategy in Afghanistan:

the training of armed villagers to defend their villages.

Once treated as a pariah, U.S. commanders and diplomats met with him regularly over the past six months. They traveled with him to remote parts of the province and consulted him for guidance.

"It was very useful to have access to his political advice and insight on Kandahar politics," a civilian U.S. official said.

Karzai's new attitude also extended to a more open engagement with journalists: He was killed an hour before he was to have lunch at his home with a Washington Post reporter.

Some U.S. military strategists and analysts in Kabul and Washington questioned the extent and sincerity of his transformation, but military and civilian officials in southern Afghanistan believe the change was real.

Karzai's death, the adviser said, will be perhaps the most wrenching test of the resiliency of the Afghan government. "How long will it take for them to recover from this? And what does that do to our plans?"

His death creates a power vacuum in the most important province for the U.S. military campaign. It also leaves the president's tribe, the Popalzai, without a leader.

"He was the No. 1 man in Kandahar," said Mir Wali Khan, a former parliament member from Helmand province.

U.S. officials fear the selection of successors for the council and tribal posts could be a protracted, a potentially destabilizing process that the Taliban could exploit. The killing will almost certainly set in motion a series of events that will complicate the U.S. mission.

"This was a strategic strike," the military adviser said. "Those who are celebrating are making a mistake." **RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"It shows the weakness of this government. The president needs to change things. He needs to change himself and build a government that is real. Right now, there is no government. It's all a fraud."

— **NOOROLHAQ OLOMI**, A FORMER PARLIAMENT MEMBER FROM KANDAHAR, SPEAKING TUESDAY ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF AHMED WALI KARZAI.



More Changes for Metro's Board

transit system brass
ing to revamp the
ay it governs Metro

Washington

ro's board of directors is under-
g more changes as new D.C.
nbers are expected to join the
el and Virginia's governor is
ected to name a new member.
On Tuesday, Kwame R. Brown,
rman of the D.C. Council, said
n interview that council mem-
Muriel Bowser of Ward 4 will
ace council member Tommy
s of Ward 6 as the District's vot-
member on the transit authori-

ty's board. Wells was named to the
Metro board in January.

Thomas J. Bulger, a lobbyist in
the city, is expected to serve as an
alternate to the Metro board from
the District, taking the seat of coun-
cil member Michael S. Brown on
the board.

The D.C. changes come as Metro
awaits word from Virginia Gov.
Robert F. McDonnell on his plans
to appoint a state voting member
to the board. One of Virginia's four
representatives is expected to have
to step down or move from a vot-
ing seat to a non-voting, alternate
seat. The Virginia legislature gave
the governor the authority to name
a member in its most recent session.

Chime In, Va.

Alexandria and Arlington of-
ficials are seeking public com-
ment on plans for a bus transit
way through the Crystal City-Po-
tomac Yard corridor. A meeting
on the design will be held at
5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Au-
rora Hills Community Center,
735 18th St. South. (TWP)

The Northern Virginia Transporta-
tion Commission, which is made up
of 19 local and state elected officials
plus the state's public transporta-
tion director, must relinquish one
of its seats.

Members of the governor's staff
have said a short list of possible can-

didates has been given to McDon-
nell, but there is no definite time
frame for when he will make an
announcement.

Plus, Metro board member
Michael Barnes — a principal, vot-
ing member from Maryland — said
that he wants to step down.

The shifts come as the 16-seat
board is trying to revamp how it
governs. Fourteen of the seats are
currently filled — nine with rela-
tively new members.

The board has been criticized by
regional and federal groups for
paying too much attention to paro-
chial issues while not maintaining
adequate oversight of the transit
authority. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

METRO PULSE



What's your favorite pool in the area to cool off in?

"It's a community pool, the Kings
Park West in Fairfax. It's laid-back,
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sunbathe."

Davida Trumbo

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marriage supporters in Maryland rekindled debate over legalizing same-sex marriage in the state on Tuesday by announcing a new coalition to push for legislation next year.

The announcement prompted opponents to say they'll be back in Annapolis to maintain the state's current marriage laws while Gov. Martin O'Malley's administration expressed support for getting same-sex marriage bill through next year.

Marylanders for Marriage Equality said the group includes Progressive Maryland, a liberal lobbying group; and Equality Maryland, the state's largest gay civil rights group. It also includes labor organizations; the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay rights group; Catholics for Equality; the Maryland Black Family Alliance; and Pride in Faith.

"We're proud to be working with such a broad and diverse coalition of groups to secure marriage equality in Maryland," said Lisa Polyak, chair of Equality Maryland. (AP)

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WILLIS CROCKETT, left, watches as his son Anthony Gregory, 5, center, participates in a day of volunteer planting at the Planters Grove park at 50th Street and Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue in Northeast Tuesday. The park is the second of three peanut-shaped parks to be built in the U.S. in '11. | [postlocal.com](#)

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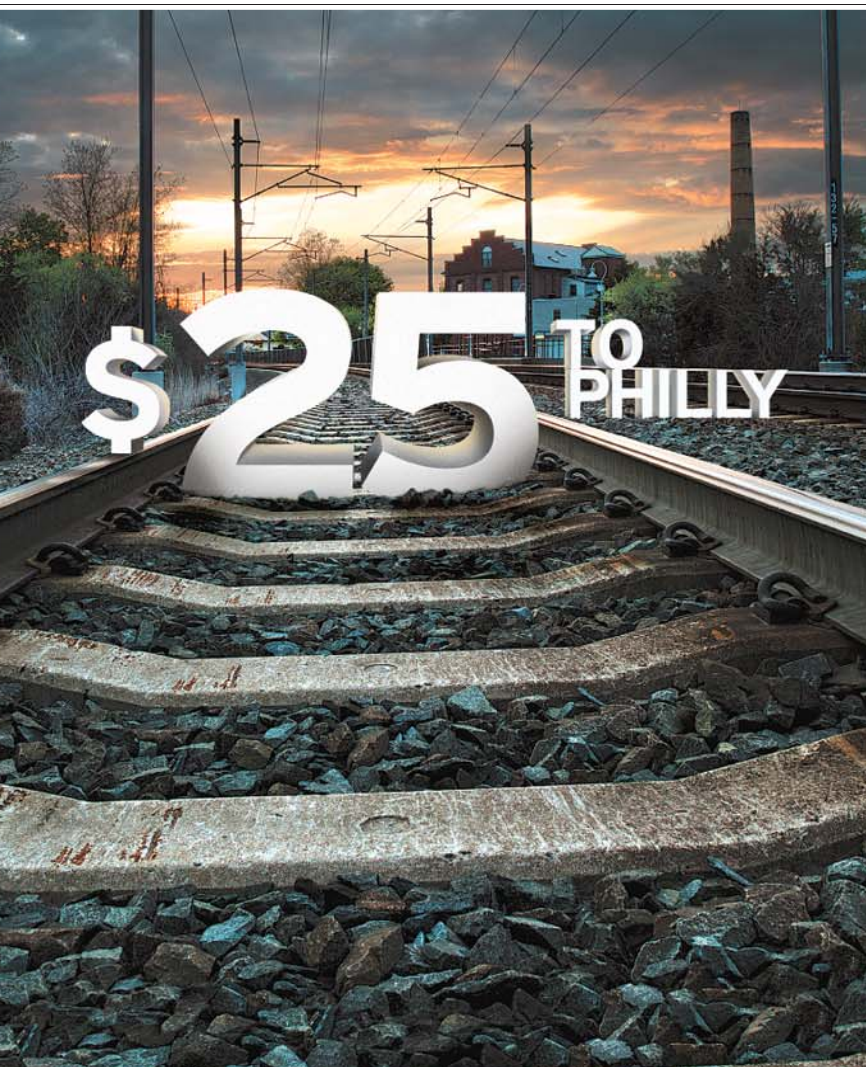
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D.C. Council chairman Kwame Brown, left, and member Tommy Wells in January. The two have clashed over Wells' investigation in to Brown's use of city-leased SUVs.

Council OKs Shuffling Oversight Assignments

Washington

In a highly unusual midterm shake-up, the D.C. Council voted at the behest of Chairman Kwame R. Brown to switch oversight assignments among members.

The shuffle was prompted by the decision by Harry Thomas Jr., D-Ward 5, to step down from his chairmanship of the Economic Development Committee. But Brown's recasting of panel assignments is much broader, splitting Thomas' previous assignments into a new small business panel, and he did not stop there.

Most controversially, the Public Works and Transportation Committee has been shifted from Tommy Wells, D-Ward 6, to Mary M. Cheh, D-Ward 3. Most of Cheh's government operations portfolio will now rest with Muriel Bowser, D-Ward 4, whose parks and recreation panel Wells will now head.

The shuffle is a major blow to Wells, who has long campaigned on a "livable and walkable" vision for the city and had lobbied Brown

Meanwhile ...

The D.C. government won't be getting into the gun business. D.C. Council member Phil Mendelson has withdrawn a bill that would allow the government to operate temporarily as a gun dealer. Washington's sole gun dealer closed up shop earlier this year when he lost his lease. Since then, District residents have had no way to legally purchase handguns and bring them home. (AP)

heavily for the transportation panel last year. But Wells and Brown had clashed on occasion, including Wells' decision to investigate Brown's use of two city-leased SUVs.

Brown, who earlier denied any political retribution against Wells, said on the council dais that the new committee structure would "effectively consolidate areas of similar interest" by consolidating city agencies dealing with small business, employment and the environment. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



More Than Meets the Eye

Newly declassified documents that date back to World War I are going on display at the National Archives. The 1918 documents detail Germany's secret ink formulas from World War I. They went on display this week and will remain on view through the end of July. One formula, written in French, is described in an Office of Naval Intelligence document as powdered aspirin mixed with water. (AP)

Losing Is Not an Option'

Wambach's epic goal keeps her dreams of another title alive

Women's Soccer

Abby Wambach, the stunning chance goal that saved the U.S. men's World Cup team against Brazil on Sunday was another key in a long career full of them. Despite her extensive list of accomplishments — Wambach is in U.S. women's national team history with 120 goals — she has won one international title. Wambach would like another, should the United States defeat France in Wednesday's World Cup semifinal, she'll get that chance. Since she first played with the team in 2001, Wambach has



contended for and lost two World Cup championships. Her goal against Brazil in 2004 gave the United States an Olympic gold medal, but she sat out the 2008 Games after fracturing her tibia

and fibula in a collision during the final warmup match before the competition.

"Abby has scars all over her skull," U.S. midfielder Megan Rapinoe said Tuesday, partly in awe.

This may be the last chance at a World Cup title for Wambach, 31 — only one player on the current U.S. team is as old as Wambach will be in 2015, the next time the quadren-



Backstory

For much of this World Cup, Abby Wambach has appeared to be the U.S. team's wise elder, not the powerhouse who once averaged nearly a goal a game during her best stretches. She has struggled with accuracy and with a persistent Achilles' injury, and has had difficulty getting the ball into the net during group play. She scored during the United States' loss to Sweden in last week's group-play finale, but it was a ball that deflected off her shoulder. (TWP)

Preview

Japan vs. Sweden

Japan carries memories of this year's devastating tsunami into every game at the Women's World Cup. In contrast, Sweden's march through the tournament has been as carefree as its twirling, joyous team dance. But the difference on the field in Wednesday's semifinal match will be tactical: the "Japanese game" of close passing and intricate dribbling versus the Swedes' sweeping moves and physical play. (AP)

nial competition rolls around.

"Losing is not an option," Wambach said. "It's going to be a physical game."

In France, the Americans face a powerful but inexperienced team. France's only previous appearance at the World Cup came in 2003, and it didn't get past group play.

The U.S., which defeated Brazil in penalty kicks on Sunday despite playing a large portion of the game with only 10 players, will contend with a French team that has had an extra day to rest and strategize. The U.S. players said Tuesday that they had barely come down from the adrenaline of their thrilling victory before it came time to gear up for the next match.

But coach Pia Sundhage and several players said that fatigue was a secondary concern.

The win "created so much energy," Sundhage said. "At the same time, we played many minutes." **MICHAEL BIRNBAUM**

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief



Andre Greipel of Germany, rear, rolls to a close win Tuesday in Carmaux, France.

CYCLING

German Wins Tour Stage By Length of a Wheel

After all the feuding and hard words, Andre Greipel finally got what he wanted, and it had nothing to do with talk: a winning ride in the Tour de France. The German sprinter beat Mark Cavendish — his former teammate and sometimes adversary — by the length of a wheel Tuesday to capture the 10th stage of a three-week race that is soon to leave the flatlands for the perilous climbs of the Pyrenees. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Widow Thanks Rangers

The widow of the firefighter who fell to his death at a Texas Rangers game says the team, baseball and Josh Hamilton remain precious to her and her 6-year-old son. In a statement released Tuesday, Jenny Stone also thanked everyone who has reached out to help her family since her husband, 39-year-old Shannon Stone, died Thursday night. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Clemens Jury Selected

A jury of 10 women and two men will decide whether ex-baseball star Roger Clemens lied to Congress when he said he never used performance-enhancing drugs. The jurors who took their seats Tuesday include a woman whose cousin, former outfielder Al Bumbry, was a coach for the Boston Red Sox when Clemens played for the team. (AP)

Correction

An item in Thursday's Express misidentified Capitals prospect Dmitri Orlov as a goalie. He's a defender.



An Open Mind: Kevin Durant isn't ruling out playing basketball abroad next season if the NBA lockout isn't resolved. The Oklahoma City Thunder forward said Tuesday during a promotional tour in China that he thinks more players will follow Deron Williams' example and play overseas if the NBA season is disrupted. Williams has said he will play for Besiktas in Turkey if the lockout remains. "We'll see; I would like to try something new," Durant said. (AP)

Selig: Teams Reviewing Stadium Safety

Baseball

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said major league teams are reviewing stadium safety after the death of a fan at a Texas Rangers game last week.

The fan, 39-year-old Shannon Stewart, fell over a railing while trying to catch a ball thrown to the stands by Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton.

"It was a horrible accident,

heartbreaking, almost beyond comprehension," Selig said Tuesday during a question-and-answer session. "Each team determines its own ballpark safety features based on local laws.

"Maybe there's some things they can or can't do," Selig said. "Common sense should always take over in this situation."

The commissioner also said he had found more support than he had expected for a one-game play-



Bud Selig says it's up to MLB teams to establish stadium safety protocols.

off between wild-card teams if the playoffs expand from eight to 10 clubs in 2012.

He also said the 2013 All-Star Game is likely to be at the Mets' Citi Field. While Selig said baseball would consider moving the All-Star Game to a Wednesday in the future — allowing pitchers who started the previous Sunday to participate — teams might be resistant because of their preference to play regular-season games on Thursdays. (AP)

TV Lineup

WOMEN'S SOCCER (11:30 A.M., 2:15 P.M., ESPN)

The U.S. faces France in the Women's World Cup semifinals. Japan takes on Sweden in the day's other game.

MEN'S SOCCER (8 P.M., ESPN2)

Manchester United visits the New England Revolution in the World Football Challenge.

CYCLING (8 A.M., VERSUS)

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Caps Turn to Past to Boost Future

Kolzig rejoins team
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goalender prospects

The Capitals

General manager George McPhee
asked questions after the first day
of the Capitals' development camp
on Monday, the team's architect gave
an air that everything was in
the right place.

That's because one of the fran-
chise's major pillars is back.

Vezina-winning goaltender Olie
Kolzig is a Capital once again —
this time as a goaltending coach
under head goalie coach Dave
Prior.

"He was a terrific leader as a
player, [and he] had a lot of char-
acter and charisma. ... It's great to
have him back," McPhee said. "He
looks great in Caps colors."

It's a move Kolzig said he didn't
necessarily anticipate during the
eight years of his playing career,
but he opened up to it after his
suspension two years ago follow-
ing an ill-fated season with the
Anaheim Ducks.

"I didn't know what I want-
ed to do when I was playing," he
said on Monday. "I was so focused
on playing the game I didn't give
it much career any thought. That's
why I took two years off. Having
that, two years went by, and I
wanted to get the itch."

In some ways, Kolzig is Prior's
perfect understudy — the likely candidate
to take over the goalie coach posi-



The New Regime

After the departure of last year's
goaltending coach, Artur Irbe, the
Capitals reached out to Irbe's top
lieutenant, Dave Prior, to take over
the guidance of their goalies. In ad-
dition to Prior, the team sought out
past Capitals star netminder Olie
Kolzig, above, to work specifically
with the team's goaltending pros-
pects in Hershey, such as Phillip
Grubauer and Steffen Soberg. R.A.

tion when Prior retires.

Before Artur Irbe joined the
Capitals last season, Prior served
as the team's goaltending coach for
12 years, which included Kolzig's
most celebrated tenure with the
team.

In addition to tutoring Kolzig,
Prior is directly related to the devel-
opment and drafting of goalies
Braden Holtby, Michal Neuvirth
and Semyon Varlamov, who was
traded earlier this month to the
Colorado Avalanche.

"This is new for me, and it's
going to be a learning experience,
but having Dave Prior there guid-
ing me; I don't know if there's a
better person to do that for me,"
Kolzig said. **REED S. ALBERS**

Tee Time Nears at British Open



SERGIO GARCIA tees off on Tuesday during a practice round before the
British Open. The third major of the year, being played at Royal St. George's in
Sandwich, England, is slated to begin on Thursday with a wide-open field.

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Mystics Falter Again in Seattle

The Mystics

Sue Bird scored 22 points and
Swin Cash added 20 in the Seat-
tle Storm's 79-71 victory over the
Washington Mystics on Tuesday.

Seattle (7-4) has won three of
four, a stretch that started with a
73-63 victory at Washington on July
3. The Mystics (2-9) have dropped
four in a row.

Washington was led by Marissa
Coleman's 16 points. Matee Ajavon
had 13, and Mystics leading scor-
er Crystal Langhorne added 10 in
her return to the lineup after she
missed three games because of
back pain. Langhorne, who averag-
es 18.1 points, hadn't played since
June 26. (AP)

.242 The winning percentage of Kurt Rambis in two seasons as the head
coach of the Timberwolves. After months of speculation, Rambis was fired on
Tuesday by Minnesota, which had the NBA's worst record (17-65) last year. (AP)



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Full steam ahead for rail projects in China

by XIN DINGDING

While celebrating the official opening of the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway on July 1, China's Ministry of Railways said it would press ahead with railway development in the next five years.

China's 12th Five-Year Plan, which was approved in March by the national legislature, the National People's Congress for China's growth between 2011 and 2016, projects that the country will put 18,750 miles of new lines into operation, Vice Minister of Railways Hu Yadong told the media in mid-June.

By 2016, the total length of railways in China will increase by about 30 percent to reach around 75,000 miles, up from the current 56,875 miles, (but still 62,500 miles less than the total rail lines in the United States), Hu said.

According to the ministry, the total mileage of high-speed and express rail lines will reach some 28,125 miles while the railway lines in the western part of China will extend more

than 31,250 miles by 2016.

The total investment and financing will amount to 2.8 trillion yuan (\$432 billion), an increase of 41.4 percent from 2006-2010, according to Hu.

The new high-speed railway between China's capital and the largest metropolis is the world's longest high-speed rail so far. It stretches 823 miles (1,318 kilometers), more than triple the distance between Washington, DC and New York City.

The line runs 90 pairs of trains daily, traveling at either 187 miles/h or 156 miles/h (300 km/h or 250 km/h).

The fastest travel time between the two cities will be four hours and 48 minutes, or about half the time trains currently take.

The ministry said that Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway is a landmark project. "Its technology is advanced, its quality reliable and safety guaranteed," Hu said.

The new high-speed railway will likely ease the congested traffic between the two cities with stops in the country's most prosperous cities on the east coast.

The first direct rail link between the two cities opened in 1968. Although it accounted for only 2 percent of the nation's total railway network, it transported more than 10 percent of the country's passengers and 7 percent of its freight, four times the national average.

China's high-speed rail network had reached 5,223 miles at the end of 2010 and is expected to exceed 10,000 miles by 2020.

The railway is expected to draw some passengers from the lucrative Beijing-Shanghai air route, but airlines are confident of winning them back.

"People might like to try a new mode of transport," Zhu Qingyu, head of the marketing department at China Air Transport Association, said. "As long as China's economy is booming and the demand for travel is increasing, neither airlines nor the high-speed railway need to worry about passenger flow."

Despite its ambitious railway development plan, the new Railways Minister Sheng Guangzu made it clear in April that railway development should not outpace demand too much.

Sheng became the new railway chief after former minister Liu Zhijun was placed under investigation for "serious disciplinary violations", according to a government decree.

Sheng stressed in an interview with the People's Daily in April that the future work arrangement will give priority to ongoing projects to ensure they have enough funds for construction to be completed and will emphasize projects that are in urgent demand.

In China's history, the first railway, only 0.31 mile, was laid in Beijing as a showpiece by British merchants in 1865. But until 1949, only 13,631 miles of rail lines were operational.

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Tough Enough?

efforts of 2011, each brimming with blow-ups, kiss-offs and a few salty tears between the sneers. Smooth-talkers Blake Shelton and Chris Young — who both dropped albums Tuesday — could learn a few moves from Shepherd and Church: talk tough, act tough, espouse tough. **CHRIS RICHARDS (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



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Blake Shelton, "Red River Blue"

Shelton actually espoused tough back in May when he married fiery country superstar Miranda Lambert. She lends her voice to the title track of Shelton's sixth album, but her pluck hasn't rubbed off on him. A decade into his recording career, Shelton sings with such cool confidence, his most rollicking stuff feels a tad ridiculous.

Fittingly, the best drinking song here, "Drink on It," isn't about raising roadhouse hell; it's about falling for a stranger in the bar with a heart more bruised than yours. But will you still love Shelton in the morning?

Later, on "Good Ole Boys," he boasts of going to the drugstore to pick up some "feminine products" for his lady. Funny. But not tough!

Chris Young, "Neon"

Young's songs aren't as clever as Shelton's, but the 26-year-old's voice is equally handsome. On the "Nashville Star" alum's third album, he forgoes toughness for a tenderness you can hear in the mellow burn of "Tomorrow" and the soft jounce of "I Can Take It From There."

But when Young pulls on his boots for "Save Water, Drink Beer," that resonant baritone fizzles off into anonymity. He sounds like another pretty voice being forced to sing another rowdy song he didn't write about another crazy Saturday night he never lived.



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Eric Church, "Chief"

Church, on the other hand, makes every waking moment sound like last call.

When he sings, he zings: "Boss-man can shove that overtime up his can/ALL I want to do is put a drink in my hand." That's the 34-year-old on "Drink in My Hand," one of the many songs on "Chief" — out July 26 — that finds him stomping through the recession with his chest puffed out.

Beyond the one-liners, Church knows how to tell a story. "Home-boy" finds him begging his estranged brother ("Tattoo on your neck, fake gold on your teeth") to come back to the homestead. "Springsteen" is a mash note to the Boss. And "Country Music Jesus" bridges Southern rock and gospel as the singer prays for the second coming of Johnny Cash.

Ashton Shepherd, "When Country Grows"

Shepherd's new CD doesn't have as much lip as Church's, but it has plenty of heart. And lungs.

The sophomore outing for the Alabama native finds her singing well beyond her 24 years in a voice that's nimble and huge.

Exquisite with detail, the album doesn't just transport you to Shepherd's Alabama; it transports you to Shepherd's kitchen, where she's just plunked down her wedding ring on the table during the final couplets of "That All Leads to One Thing." As the song simmers and fades, you can almost hear the creaky screen door slamming behind her.

That's tough, for sure.



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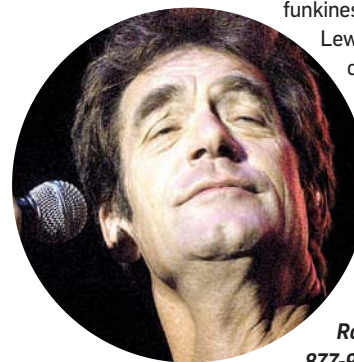
1 Teen Angst And Leather Jackets

Sure, it's part of the AFI's Dennis Hopper retrospective, but has anyone ever watched "Rebel Without a Cause" for Dennis Hopper? No way. It's all about James Dean, left. The screen idol made only three movies, and this is the most iconic. **AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 4:15 p.m. Wed. and 4:30 p.m. Thu., \$7-\$8.50; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)**

2 Try Them On

The post-punk rockers of Interpol are going through a bit of a mid-band-life crisis — their latest album is eponymous and displays a back-to-basics aesthetic that's par for the course of a rock band trying to find itself after early success. They must still be enjoying some success: Their show tonight is sold out. **9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

3 That's the Power of Nostalgia



We're not sure whether it's the association with "Back to the Future" or the general undeniable funkiness, but every time we hear Huey Lewis (left) & the News' "The Power of Love," we start dancing. Which sounds innocuous, except that we hear it at the DMV and on the radio, and it can cause accidents. The band may be rooted in the '80s in our minds, but it's still touring — and in Virginia tonight. **Wolf Trap, Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$25-\$42; 877-965-3872, Wolftrap.org.**



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Washed Out Sets the Mood

The one-man band's
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Album Review

Washed Out is the moniker of Georgia-based musician Ernest Greene, who has issued a pair of homemade EPs under the name, both of which displayed a penchant for sound-track-y, keyboard-based mood-scaping. ("Feel It All Around" plays over the opening credits of quirky IFC TV series "Portlandia.") "Within and Without," Washed Out's full-length debut, whooshes by with an emotional and melodic cohesiveness that was previously only suggested.



**Within
And
Without**
Washed Out



Georgia-based musician Ernest Greene
records under the name Washed Out.

As in the music of contemporaries Toro Y Moi and Neon Indian, something deeply personal is hinted at within the gently pulsing beats and piles of synthesizers but never quite revealed. Washed Out tracks such as "Echoes" and "Before" take a cue from the early work of R.E.M., pushing vocals tantalizingly down in the mix, allowing only certain phrases and snippets to surface.

The record's cover shot of an embracing man and woman suggests Greene's inspiration is physical, but it works best when taken less as a collection of songs and more as a suite that conjures long car rides across open plains.

A gorgeous song such as "Before" is big enough to accommodate both the natural and the physical: A gentle, cymbal-driven disco pulse is the framework for Greene's swooping vocal lines. A female voice repeating what sounds like the word "body" serves as memorable punctuation. Recorded with assistance from Ben Allen — who has worked with Deerhunter and Animal Collective, among others — "Within and Without" is likely to be tossed onto the growing heap of "chillwave" records and perhaps forgotten. That would be a shame, because repeated plays reveal a stately, windswept elegance that few of Washed Out's contemporaries can match.

PATRICK FOSTER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

\$16 The amount it now costs Netflix subscribers to rent DVDs and watch streaming video, under new rates introduced Tuesday. It's effective immediately for new members and Sept. 1 for existing subscribers. Both options were previously available in a single package that started at \$10 per month — now each costs \$8. (AP)

TV tonight **lookout**

Best Bets

Roseanne's Nuts Yes, it's obvious what joke — or jokes — this new series' title is going for, but it also refers to what comedian Roseanne Barr, right, is doing these days: managing a macadamia nut and live-stock farm in Hawaii. This new docu-series chronicles her new life with boyfriend Johnny and son Jake far from Hollywood.



Franklin & Bash Representing two pole-dancing instructors accused of stealing from their clients puts a strain on Peter and Jared's friendship. Karp and Hanna represent a teenager who wants to make a solo kayak trip down the Amazon against his father's wishes.

The Franchise: A Season With the San Francisco Giants In this new documentary series, cameras capture what happens on and off the field with the players, coaches and front-office personnel of baseball's reigning championship team. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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Season four of "Damages" — now on DirectTV's Audience Network — tackles the thorny subject of private military contractors. John Goodman plays the head of a Halliburton-like firm who falls within Patty's (Glenn Close, left) crosshairs, while her protege Ellen (Rose Byrne, right) cultivates a friendship with a traumatized veteran of the private army. (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Premieres



Burning Out

The seventh and final season of firefighter drama "Rescue Me" (10 p.m., FX) kicks off in expectably wild fashion. Damien (Michael Zegen) is seriously injured, and a new baby is on the way. Meanwhile, Sheila (Callie Thorne) and Janet (Andrea Roth) join forces and shake up Tommy's (Denis Leary, above) family life. (TM)

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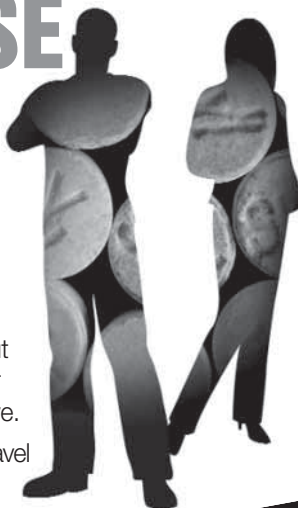
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I hadn't brought my bike with me to France, which is why I signed up for a group tour through Fat Tire Bike Tours, one of several companies that offers daylong bike tours of the palace grounds. From there, my tour guide, Karl, shepherded 20 of us on a 10-minute ride through the streets of Paris to the nearest commuter train station. We lifted our bikes onto the train, and half an hour later, we were in the town of Versailles, now a well-heeled suburb of the city. We left our bikes with Karl and spent almost an hour browsing through the local farmer's market, picking out fresh baguettes, cheese and strawberries. Now armed with provisions, we remounted our bikes and rode up a short hill to the palace grounds.

We soon came upon the Grand Canal, parked our bicycles and spread out for a group picnic, with the grand Chateau visible straight ahead in the distance. Whether from the wine or simply drunk on the surroundings, a simple meal



DAVID RANDALL/AP

Bike tourists break for a picnic at the Grand Canal and take in a view of the Chateau.

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had never tasted so good.

Once the picnic was over, we continued along the Grand Canal in the direction of the Chateau and were soon at Versailles. A ticket to the Chateau was a part of the tour package, so each of us spent the next hour and a half exploring. It's hard to find a gold-laden palace disappointing, and while the Chateau is a historical treat, I couldn't help but look out the windows, wanting nothing more than to spend a couple more hours bicycling through the sunny playground of kings.

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Don't let a cramped kitchen keep you from whipping up big-on-taste meals

Nothing else, the cozy kitchen at Shlesinger's Reston, Va., has taught her to improvise. "I use the top of the washing machine if I'm baking cookies," she says. "And I store dishes in the hall closet." With only three burners and no pantry, the 10-by-10-foot L-shaped space has also shown Shlesinger, 26, what she can do without. "I don't have a food processor or blender," says the mom of two who works in direct marketing. "It can be tough when you dream of Top Chef meals but your cucine seems barely big enough to nuke

a frozen pizza. But even if you don't have room for a KitchenAid mixer or wine glasses in every size, there's no need to throw in the dish towel. The tiniest kitchen can still turn out yummy dishes, as long as no one expects it to function like a four-star restaurant.

"One of the biggest challenges

is people biting off more than they can chew," says Phoebe Lapine, co-author with Cara Eisenpress of "In the Small Kitchen" (\$22, William Morrow). "Most of the time, they don't realize how small their kitchen is until they're way in the weeds on whatever elaborate dinner they're trying to cook."

Know your limitations, whether that's a tiny square of counter space or a Lilliputian oven that can only fit a quail or two, not a Thanksgiving turkey. "You have to be more organized about how you cook and prepare items," says Antonio Burrell, chef de cuisine at Masa 14 (1825 14th St. NW; 202-328-1414).

Burrell knows of what he speaks. He once lived in a basement apartment with only a sink, two burners and 3 feet of counters. "You can make roasted chicken or pizza in a toaster oven when you don't have an oven," he says. "You

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— PHOEBE LAPINE, CO-AUTHOR OF "IN THE SMALL KITCHEN" (\$22, WILLIAM MORROW).

Recipe File

PROVENÇAL BAKED CHICKEN

Ingredients

- ▶ 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- ▶ 3 tablespoons olive oil
- ▶ 5 dried dates, pitted and chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- ▶ 3 tablespoons chopped pitted Kalamata olives
- ▶ 2 bay leaves
- ▶ 3 tablespoons garlic, crushed, minced with 1 teaspoon salt
- ▶ 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano, or 2 tablespoons fresh oregano
- ▶ Freshly ground black pepper
- ▶ 3 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- ▶ 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- ▶ 4 plum tomatoes, each cut into 6 wedges
- ▶ 3 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
- ▶ 1/4 cup dry white wine
- ▶ 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley (optional)

Serves Six

1. Combine vinegar, olive oil, dates, olives, bay leaves, garlic, oregano and pepper to taste in a large container with a lid. Add the chicken and toss well to coat. Let this sit overnight in the fridge (or at least six hours).

2. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

3. Arrange the chicken in one layer in a casserole dish or baking pan. Pour



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A petite kitchen can still turn out grand French food such as Provençal Chicken.

all the marinade from the container over the chicken. Scatter onion slices between the chicken pieces, and wedge tomatoes into crevices around the pan. Sprinkle each piece of chicken with some of the brown sugar; then evenly pour the wine around the dish and over the chicken. Bake for one hour, or until the chicken's juices run clear, the tomatoes are browned and the onions are soft.

4. Sprinkle fresh parsley over the chicken and transfer to a platter if you're not serving it in the baking dish.

5. Pour juices from the pan into a small serving bowl and pass this sauce with the chicken.

Note: You can bake the chicken ahead of time and reheat. After baking, refrigerate the chicken in the pan. Reheat it together with its sauce in a pot over a low flame. FROM "IN THE SMALL KITCHEN" (\$22, WILLIAM MORROW)

wind up prepping in the living room sitting on the couch."

A lack of storage forces you to be creative. "Integrate kitchen equipment into other areas of the apartment," Lapine says. "I have pots and pans on a wall as part of the living-room decoration."

Like Shlesinger has learned, you don't need lots of fancy equipment to cook a juicy steak or gooey batch of brownies. "Never buy sets," says Nancy Pollard, owner of La Cuisine (323 Cameron St., Alexandria; 703-836-4435). "If you need a 1.5-quart saucepan, get a

1.5-quart saucepan."

And know that you can host a dinner party, even with a closet-sized kitchen. Just don't wait until your guests arrive to start. "Get as much as you can prepped ahead of time," says Nicholas Stefanelli, executive chef at Bibiana (1100 New York Ave. NW; 202-216-9550). "Do one nice hot dish and have other things made ahead of time."

"Don't stress!" Lapine says. "Friends are so thrilled to get an invitation to dinner, it's not like you have to impress them with the most complicated dish." BETH LUBERECKI

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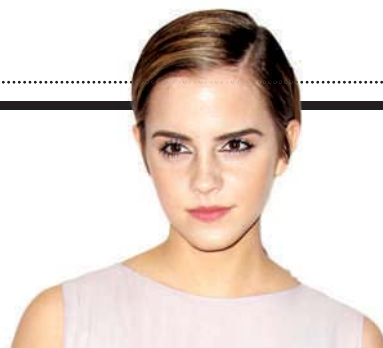
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book is for boors and filled with
people who need to get a life for
themselves."

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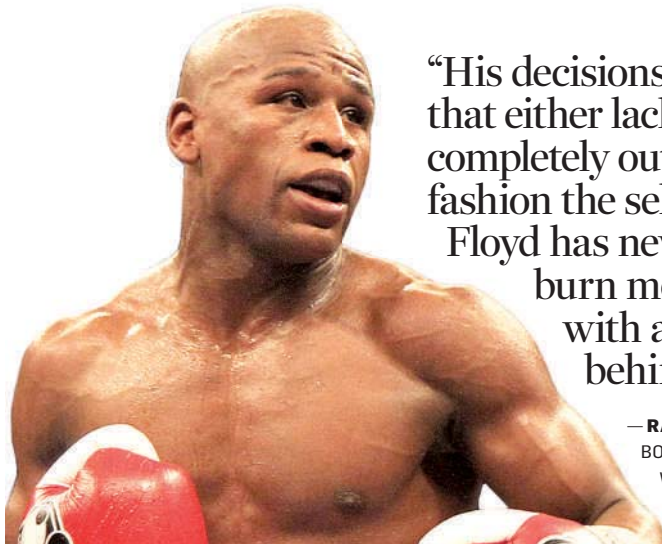


"When Emma Watson appeared on
'Late Show With David Letterman'
yesterday, we don't think she came
prepared to confess all her sins.
Let alone whether she likes to get
drunk or not!"

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"Hearing that they've
chosen Spike Lee
to direct the film
demonstrates that
this isn't going to be
a slap-shot, thrown-
together film for the
sake of shocking
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— no matter what you
may think of the end
result — thoughtful
and well-made."

— **SEOULBEATS.COM** WON-
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GOOD SELECTION TO DIRECT A
REMAKE OF "OLDBOY," A 2003
KOREAN THRILLER DIRECTED
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that either lacks common sense or is
completely out of touch with reality in the
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with a penalty of up to six months
behind bars and a fine of \$100."

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Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be taking orders from someone or later, so why not ally yourself with someone who is after the same goals?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A little more patience and you'll be ready to present your work to those who are all too ready to pass judgment. You should be quite well.

SCORPIO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will have things in the proper way and in the proper order. Now is not the time to play loose with the rules.

SAGITTARIUS (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can rise through the ranks rather quickly, but be careful that when it's your turn to give orders, you remember your humble beginnings.

LIBRA (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can handle almost any situation that arises, provided you aren't asked to behave in a way that doesn't come naturally.

PISCES (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're being rather adventurous, but take care that any experimentation you do isn't of a kind that puts others in danger.

AQUARIUS (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Things may reach you that has you wondering what you've done and what lies ahead. The current situation will require creativity.

PISCES (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Once you get a start, you're not going to want to stop until you've achieved your primary goal, which may be unclear at first.

ARIES (Feb. 19-March 20) The value of a particular endeavor may come into question, but you'll know just what to do to inspire those around you.

TAURUS (March 21-April 19) Your timing may not be the best, but you can surely gain the advantage with a little quick thinking — and a little luck, too.

GEMINI (April 20-May 20) Take care that you don't let just anyone see what you're up to. Success at this time depends on just a little bit of stealth.

CANCER (May 21-June 20) You may want to intervene on behalf of someone who cannot speak for himself at this time, but your efforts are likely to fall on deaf ears.

Scrabble Grams

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

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G ₂	A ₁	R ₁	O ₁	T ₁	T ₁	E ₁	RACK 2 =	58
B ₃	L ₁	A ₁	N ₁	K ₅	E ₁	T ₁	RACK 3 =	64
M ₃	I ₁	A ₁	O ₁	W ₄	E ₁	D ₂	RACK 4 =	89
PAR SCORE 200-210							TOTAL	277

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Sudoku

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		9	4		3			
	8							

Yesterday's Solution

9	4	2	5	3	8	1	6	7
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3	2	1	9	5	4	6	7	8
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87 | 68

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and less humid tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

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85 | 69 89 | 71 89 | 72

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Moonrise today: 7:22 p.m.
Moonset today: 4:08 a.m.

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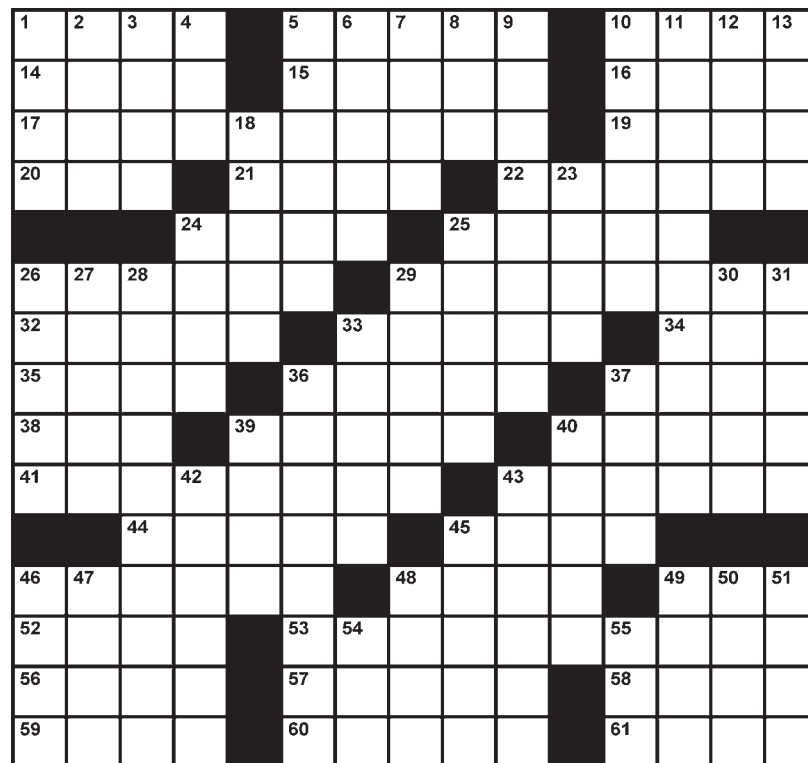
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ACROSS

- 1 Lightning unit
- 5 Hearty draft
- 10 Pin ____ on (incriminate)
- 14 Wind on a stage
- 15 "That's enough!"
- 16 Defaulted-on auto
- 17 Hide-and-seek words
- 19 Life of Riley
- 20 School assembly locale, perhaps
- 21 Grammy-winning soul singer India, ____
- 22 Bicycle built for two
- 24 Illegal coin
- 25 Secure, as a nautical rope
- 26 Pilgrim to Mecca
- 29 Time of the dinosaurs
- 32 In the twinkling of ____ (immediately)
- 33 Hunt or Hayes
- 34 "The Island of the Day Before" author Umberto
- 35 Event proceeds
- 36 Dahl, author of "Fantastic Mr Fox"
- 37 ____-crazy (restless)
- 38 Make a decision
- 39 Like a trite joke
- 40 Housed like Tweety
- 41 Not this twin (with "the")
- 43 Mexican misters
- 44 Send to seventh heaven
- 45 Extreme bitterness
- 46 Exotic fruit
- 48 Tacking direction
- 49 Rush hour concern
- 52 Quickly, quickly
- 53 Risk everything
- 56 Personal quirks
- 57 Mistake
- 58 Cut out the boring scenes
- 59 Foil's duller relative
- 60 Pore on a leaf
- 61 Unit of force

DOWN

- 1 Tennis great Bjorn
- 2 Take commands from
- 3 Arable soil
- 4 "Ideas worth spreading"
- conference
- 5 Voting minimum
- 6 Take apart, nautically
- 7 Clearasil target
- 8 "Alice" spin-off
- 9 In shackles
- 10 Centers of sports action
- 11 Key phrase in this crossword
- 12 Basilica part
- 13 Words from Wordsworth
- 18 New Haven collegian
- 23 Shepard or Greenspan
- 24 Roy Rogers' real surname
- 25 Habitual intimidator
- 26 Jim Backus was his '60s TV voice
- 27 Not fitting



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- 28 Establish a standard
- 29 Dixon of astrology
- 30 More hazardous, in winter
- 31 Quantities of wood
- 33 Tuneful Lena
- 36 Plant anchoring systems
- 37 Having all one's marbles
- 39 Supercomputer pioneer
- 40 A-list notable
- 42 Slip by, as weeks
- 43 ____ Nevada mountain range
- 45 Burst into flower
- 46 Cracker topper
- 47 Take ____ (sample a drink)
- 48 Hendrix hairstyle

- 49 Singer Watley
- 50 Of a similar nature
- 51 Portion (out)
- 54 Supper scrap
- 55 Color of the embarrassed

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1923 A sign consisting of 50-foot-tall letters spelling out "HOLLYWOODLAND" is dedicated in the Hollywood Hills to promote a subdivision.

1977 A blackout lasting 25 hours hits the New York City area.

1985 Live Aid, an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, takes place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

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ancy Grace Shocked, Horrified by New, Obvious Carriage of Justice

Edge on Tuesday dropped charges that Foxy Brown violated a court order by mooning her neighbor. Assistant District Attorney Robert Isdith told the neighbor, Irene Raymond, he didn't want to pursue the case. "While the district attorney's office has no doubt the defendant committed this crime, we have no other choice but to dismiss this case," Isdith said. (AP)



SURE

own University Wishes Emma Watson Would Just Back Up With It Already

Emma Watson intends to study English at Oxford University's Worcester College during the 2011-2012 school year, according to ABC Action News. "To explain, I haven't left Brown University," she said at a press conference Monday. "I'm still enrolled at Brown, but I'm doing my third year abroad to study — at home." (EXPRESS)



na's out dating European universities while Brown languishes at home.

Journalism**Watergate This Is Not. Name Your Sources, People.**

An unnamed source tells People.com that Victoria Beckham was ready when her daughter, Harper, was born on July 10. "She was saying, 'I just want her to get here and want to be holding her in my arms — not in my belly,'" the source revealed. "She was so excited and really just ready for the baby." (EXPRESS)



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This dress is a good example of how asymmetry in fashion can go awry.

SUBTRACT NINE

Was October Boring?

Jewel and husband Ty Murray welcomed a son, Kase Townes Murray, on Monday, the singer announced on her website (Jeweljk.com). "Ty and I are so pleased to welcome our new baby boy into the world! We are overcome with happiness — it really is as great as everyone told us it would be — better even!" she wrote. Jewel is a host and judge on the Bravo reality competition "Platinum Hit." She plans to release an album for children called "The Merry Goes 'Round" in August. (EXPRESS)



ALTITUDE

All This Time, We Thought It Was a Drug Anthem ...

The late singer John Denver's song "Rocky Mountain High" celebrated his adopted home of Colorado. Now, a Colorado woman wants to honor him by naming one of the state's peaks after him. J.P. McDaniel says she's collected about 1,000 signatures in support of naming the eastern peak of Mount Sopris near Aspen after the singer-songwriter. (AP)

"I don't know why you hired me because you haven't given me anything. I just don't think this stuff's going to be good."



— JAMES FRANCO TELLS PLAYBOY MAGAZINE THAT HIS FAILURE AS AN OSCARS HOST SHOULD BE BLAMED ON THE WRITERS AND PRODUCERS OF THE 2011 SHOW.

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